[10th August 1929]

Failure of the pumping machine worked by the Industrial Engineering Department at Sadoor.

*274 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the pumping machine set up and worked by the Industrial Engineering Department at Sadoor in Mangalore taluk last year broke down and whether the crops raised by means of it were dried up for want of water;

(*b*) who supervised the working of this machine and why it failed; and

(*c*) what was the loss caused to the ryot thereby and whether any amount has been refunded to him?

A.—Information has been called for.

Names and qualifications of the Directors of Industries since 1916.

*275 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names and qualifications of persons who have been appointed as Directors of Industries since 1916; and

(*b*) the period during which each of them held this post?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clause (*d*) of question No. 520 on 24th March 1927. It may be added that Mr. Bazl-ul-lah has since been succeeded by M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur A. Appadurai Pillai who entered on his duties towards the close of July 1929. The several officers who have held charge of the post since 1916 have all been officers with wide administrative experience and capacity.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"May I know whether it is a fact that as many as ten officers have held the post of the Director of Industries since 1916?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"Yes."

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"May I enquire whether such constant change in the personnel of the Director has been found to be conducive to any continuity of policy in the department?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"There has been no change unless there was some urgent necessity for the same."

[For further starred questions, please see pages 481–503 infra.]

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Civil Justice

Number of priests serving as Jurors and Bench Magistrates.

276 Q.—Rao Sahib R. Srinivasan: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the number of (1) Hindu priests, (2) Mullas and Moulvis and (3) Ministers of Churches, that are in the list of Jurors and Assessors of the Madras High Court and those that serve as Bench Magistrates in the province?